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TOPIC: DDD Transition Announcement

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD Assistant Director

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I am pleased to announce several transitions involving the senior leadership of the Department of Economic Security (DES)/Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) that take effect today, July 7, 2014.

Deputy Assistant Director

Dr. Laura L. Love begins serving as DDD's Deputy Assistant Director. Dr. Love joined DDD in July 2006 as the Systems Improvement Administrator. For the past year she has been serving as DDD's Business Operations Manager after serving for three years as DDD's Administrative Operations Business Manager. Prior to joining DDD, Dr. Love was an Academic Associate at Arizona State University West and Arizona State University; the Director of Special Services for the Osborn Elementary School District in Phoenix; an Education Program Specialist for the Arizona Department of Education's Exceptional Student Services in Phoenix; a Special Education/Vocational Education Specialist for the Scottsdale Unified School District in Scottsdale; and a Program Planner for The Centers for Habilitation in Tempe. She started her career in Arizona in 1983 as a Psychology Intern at Good Samaritan Medical Center's Rehabilitation Institute in Phoenix. Dr. Love holds a Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from Arizona State University, a Master of Education degree in Counseling and Personal Services with an emphasis on Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology from the University of Missouri, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Missouri.

Interim Business Operations Administrator

Mr. Bryon Winston begins serving as the DDD's interim Business Operations Administrator. Bryon has been serving as DDD's Finance Manager since March of 2014. He previously served DDD as the interim Finance Manager and, before that, the Business Manager for Health Care Services. Bryon was previously employed by the DES Financial Services Administration (FSA) in the successive positions of Financial Analyst, Senior Financial Analyst, and Financial Manager; by the DES Division of Adult and Aging Services (DAAS) as Business Manager; and as Budget Analyst for DES. Bryon served as an Accountant/Financial Analyst for the Arizona Department of Administration's General Accounting Office; a Fiscal Services Specialist II/Budget Analyst for the Arizona Disease Control Research Commission; and a Fiscal Services Specialist I/Grants Management for the Arizona Department of Education. Bryon holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University.

Lieutenant Program Manager

Ms. Lisa Cavazos-Barrett will be assuming new responsibilities as one of two District Program Administrators along with Mr. Tim Sikkema. Lisa has been serving as DDD's District West Program Manager since January 2012. She has been with DDD for seven years having previously served as DDD's District 1 Program Administrator for six years. She has approximately 30 years of experience in the social work field, such as child welfare, domestic violence, and health clinics. Lisa holds a Master's degree in Social Work and Certification as a Public Manager from Arizona State University.

District West Program Manager

Ms. Lisa M. Foti begins serving as DDD's District West Program Manager effective today. Lisa has been serving as DDD's Deputy Assistant Director since 2011. Prior to serving as DDD's Deputy Assistant Director, Lisa served as DDD's District 5 Program Manager and also in DDD's Behavioral Health Unit. Lisa holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix.

Please join me in welcoming them to their new roles and supporting them in this transition.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Latham, Ph.D.
Assistant Director